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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of, and claims the benefit of priority from, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No 09/041,514, filed March 12, 1998, the full disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-30. Please amend claim 31, and add new claims 34-44 as follows. A marked-up version of all pending claims is shown in the attached Appendix.

31. (Amended) A composition adapted to induce an immune response comprising an enteric coating and an immunogen bound to an inert particle, said inert particle having a mesh size greater than 35 mesh.

--34. (New) The composition of claim 31 wherein said immunogen is selected from the group consisting of ~~a peptide~~, ~~a protein fragment~~, ~~a protein~~, ~~a gene~~, ~~a gene fragment~~, ~~a DNA~~, ~~an RNA~~ and combinations thereof.

35. (New) The composition of claim 31 wherein said immunogen is a vaccine.

36. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein the potentiating agent is bound to the inert particle, and the inert particle is selected from the group consisting of an immunogen-bound inert particle and a non-immunogen bound inert particle.

37. (New) The composition of claim 31 which induces an increase in the number of T lymphocytes.

38. (New) The composition of claim 37 which induces an increase in a cell population selected from the group consisting of a TH1 lymphocyte, a cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL), and combinations thereof.

39. (New) The composition of claim 31 wherein said inert particle has a mesh size greater than about 40 mesh.

40. (New) The composition of claim 31 where said immunogen is bound to an inert particle selected from the group consisting of a nonpareil, a silica powder, a salt crystal and a sugar crystal.

41. (New) A composition adapted to induce an immune response comprising an enteric coating and an immunogen bound to an inert particle, said inert particle having a mesh size greater than about 40 mesh.

42. (New) The composition of claim 41 further comprising a potentiating agent bound to an inert particle, wherein the inert particle is selected from the group consisting of an immunogen-bound inert particle and a non-immunogen bound inert particle.

43. (New) The composition of claim 41 wherein the immune response comprises an increase in a T lymphocyte population.

44. (New) The composition of claim 43 wherein the immune response comprises an increase in a cell population selected from the group consisting of a TH1 lymphocyte, a cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL), and combinations thereof. ✓

REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No 09/041,514, filed March 12, 1998. It is noted that claims 31-33 were withdrawn from consideration in the parent application as a result of the restriction requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 22, 1999. This preliminary amendment is made to cancel claims 1-30 and add new claims 34-45, in addition to inserting in the specification a copyright notice pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.71(e) and to perfecting the priority data in the specification.